

the relief of victims in areas affected by the December 26, 2004, Indian Ocean tsunami for which a charitable contribution deduction is allowable under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 12:55 p.m.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 21 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 12:55 p.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 12 o'clock and 58 minutes p.m.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### SWEARING IN OF MEMBER-ELECT

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SHADEGG) please take his place in the well of the House and take the oath of office at this time.

Mr. SHADEGG appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which you are about to enter, so help you God.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the swearing in of the gentleman from Arizona, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 429.

#### COUNTING ELECTORAL VOTES— JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE HELD PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1 (HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES— JANUARY 6, 2005)

At 1:02 p.m., the Sergeant at Arms, Wilson Livingood, announced the Vice President and the Senate of the United States.

The Senate entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, headed by

the Vice President and the Secretary of the Senate, the Members and officers of the House rising to receive them.

The Vice President took his seat as the Presiding Officer of the joint convention of the two Houses, the Speaker of the House occupying the chair on his left.

The joint session was called to order by the Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Mr. Speaker and Members of Congress, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Senate and House of Representatives are meeting in joint session to verify the certificates and count the votes of the electors of the several States for President and Vice President of the United States.

After ascertainment has been had that the certificates are authentic and correct in form, the tellers will count and make a list of the votes cast by the electors of the several States.

The tellers on the part of the two Houses will please take their places at the Clerk's desk.

The tellers, Mr. LOTT and Mr. JOHNSON on the part of the Senate, and Mr. NEY and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut on the part of the House, took their places at the desk.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the tellers will dispense with reading formal portions of the certificates.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. After ascertaining that certificates are regular in form and authentic, the tellers will announce the votes cast by the electors for each State, beginning with Alabama.

Senator LOTT (one of the tellers). Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Alabama seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 9 votes for President and DICK CHENEY of the State of Wyoming received 9 votes for Vice President.

Mr. NEY (one of the tellers). Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Alaska seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 3 votes for President and DICK CHENEY of the State of Wyoming received 3 votes for Vice President.

Senator JOHNSON (one of the tellers). Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Arizona seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 10 votes for President and DICK CHENEY of the State of Wyoming received 10 votes for Vice President.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (one of the tellers). Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Arkansas seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 6 votes for

President and DICK CHENEY of the State of Wyoming received 6 votes for Vice President.

Senator LOTT. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of California seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that JOHN F. KERRY of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts received 55 votes for President and John Edwards of the State of North Carolina received 55 votes for Vice President.

Mr. NEY. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Colorado seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 9 votes for President and DICK CHENEY of the State of Wyoming received 9 votes for Vice President.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the great State of Connecticut seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that JOHN F. KERRY of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts received 7 votes for President and John Edwards of the State of North Carolina received 7 votes for Vice President.

Senator JOHNSON. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Delaware seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that JOHN F. KERRY of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts received 3 votes for President and John Edwards of the State of North Carolina received 3 votes for Vice President.

Senator LOTT. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the District of Columbia seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that JOHN F. KERRY of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts received 3 votes for President and John Edwards of the State of North Carolina received 3 votes for Vice President.

Mr. NEY. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Florida seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 27 votes for President and DICK CHENEY of the State of Wyoming received 27 votes for Vice President.

Senator JOHNSON. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Georgia seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 15 votes for President and DICK CHENEY of the State of Wyoming received 15 votes for Vice President.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Hawaii seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that JOHN F. KERRY of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts received 4 votes for President and John Edwards of the State of North Carolina received 4 votes for Vice President.